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Inventor: James L. Eichler, Jr., et al.

Entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING OPEN PERIPHERAL
COMPONENT INTERCONNECT (PCI) SLOTS

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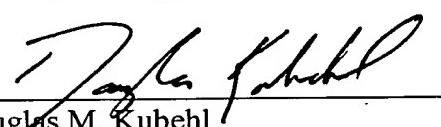
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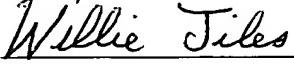
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